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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:  
Applicant: Kevin R. Lilland et al.  
For : A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING PRINT  
CONSUMABLES OF A PRINTING DEVICE  
Our File : P31.12-0009

Dear Sir:

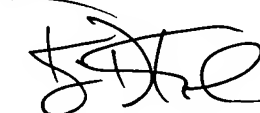
Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection  
with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.
  - 20 pages Specification
  - 10 pages claims
  - 1 page Abstract
2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
( 3 pages).
3. 7 sheets of drawings.

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication.  
Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the  
filing fee, executed Declaration will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of January  
18, 2000 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are  
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